



Henry County, Virginia

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Henry County Monthly Newsletter

Welcome to the Henry County E-Newsletter for **March 2008**. Please email us at athall@co.henry.va.us if you have questions or comments.

Chestnut Knob water project begins

Construction began February 25 on the Henry County Public Service Authority's long-awaited Chestnut Knob-Ridgeway Water Line Extension Project. When completed in approximately 12 months, the \$4.5 million project will mean public water for Magna Vista High School and potentially 200 other new customers, as well as provide a more reliable source of water for about 115 customers currently on well systems. In addition, current PSA customers along the route will see better quality water, since it will come from the PSA's Philpott plant.

The project will allow the PSA to close five well systems, remove five water tanks and put about 13.3 miles of new water pipe into service. Construction will be done by two local firms - Prillaman and Pace and Steve Martin's Trenching.

The PSA is offering a discounted connection fee any time prior to and for a sixty-day period from completion of the project. The amount of the discount will be based on the size of the meter specified in the application. For more details please contact the PSA at one of the numbers listed below.

Anyone interested in signing up for service along the construction route, or anyone interested in more information on the project's benefits, should contact the PSA at one of the following numbers: Wade Nester (276) 634-2570 or 340-0484, Jeff Turton (276) 634-2568 or 224-0208, Mike Amos (276) 634-2503 or 340-8009, PSA Customer Service Office (276) 634-2500.

Darrell Cox Racing unveils new facility in Henry County

The latest effort in Henry County's motorsports racing legacy was unveiled February 29 when Darrell Cox Racing (DCR) opened its new facility on Doyle Road. DCR prepares four-cylinder Dodge SRT-4 vehicles for the drag racing circuit, and sells parts to customers through its website, <http://www.dsrsrt.com/>. At an open house February 29, Cox said 95% of his business is geared toward the street enthusiast, and he has customers all over the country and overseas.

Cox praised his adopted hometown. He said he could open his business anywhere he wanted, but he loves the Martinsville-Henry County area and he doesn't want to be anywhere else.

DCR employs 11 people, with plans to hire two more. Cox plans to expand his facility in the near future as business continues to improve.

Easter Egg Hunt scheduled

Henry County Parks and Recreation will sponsor the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Friday, March 21 for children ages pre-K through second grade. The Easter Bunny will hide over 3,000 prizes and candy-filled eggs at Jack Dalton Park. The hunt will begin at noon and special door prizes will be awarded too. Egg hunting bags will be furnished. Registration deadline is Tuesday, March 18.

Baseball and softball registrations are now being accepted for the 2008 Parks and Recreation season. Leagues are available for boys and girls ages 7-14. The registration deadline is March 14. Practice begins in April and games begin in May.

For more information or to register for these events, please contact the Parks and Recreation office at 634-4640.

"Fast Track 2008" Trade Show to be held March 4-5

The Martinsville-Henry County Chamber of Commerce will hold the annual "Fast Track" Trade Show on March 4-5 at the old VF Imagewear facility off Rives Road. The event is the top business gathering of the year, and you are encouraged to attend to see what the business community has to offer.

Henry County and the Henry County PSA will be represented at the Trade Show. Please come by our booth, #514, to visit with our employees and see what is going on with your Henry County government.

Martinsville Speedway welcomes NASCAR Sprint Cup crowd March 28-30

The Goody's Cool Orange 500 NASCAR Sprint Cup race is set for Martinsville Speedway on March 30. This pre-eminent NASCAR race will be preceded by Pole Day on Friday, March 29, and by the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Kroger 250 race on Saturday.

The Martinsville Speedway races bring thousands of visitors to our community, and it is up to us to be the good hosts. Please make our visitors feel welcomed!

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